



Genevieve Sullivan, 26, whose five brothers were lost on the cruiser Juneau, is welcomed by Captain William F. Amsden, commander of the training school at the Bronx branch of Hunter College. Associated Press

SISTER OF HEROES ENLISTS IN WAVES

Relative of Five Sullivans, Lost
Off Guadalcanal, Begins
Training Here

They went to high school together, worked in the same packing company together and were separated forever in this life only when the cruiser U.S.S. Juneau went down last November—in battle for Guadalcanal. Now Genevieve, only sister of the five Sullivan brothers who perished with the ship, is following through on one of their last messages. They thought it "would be a good idea" if she joined the Waves. So she started her "boot training" yesterday at Hunter College.

Petite and pretty, with sad blue Irish eyes, the 26-year-old young woman sat in the office of Captain William F. Amsden, the school's commanding officer, and started another chapter in the history of the Sullivan family—a history accented by the "spirit of the Sullivans," first referred to by Vice President Henry A. Wallace.

"Mum and Dad, I'll be in there pitching for you," she quoted as her parting words to her parents.

"Sis, always be a good girl," they had told their only surviving child.

It was to soften the "big gap" left in the family when the boys enlisted together in the Navy that Genevieve delayed joining up right away, she said. Then when that gap was turned into what the Navy called the heaviest loss suffered by a single family in American naval history, she lost no time in trying to "carry on."

"Naturally, after losing the boys, they felt bad when I left," Genevieve said. That was at Dubuque, Iowa, where Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan were completing their nation-wide tour of war plants. They live in near-by Waterloo, where Genevieve and the boys went to school and worked together.

Genevieve was all military as she was being interviewed. She tossed aside questions about "boy friends" as "a little too personal," refused to talk about the war plant tour because it was "a military secret" and quoted her brothers constantly on Navy tradition.

"If you're a good Navy person you keep your chin up," she announced, repeating the boys' constant message to their family.

Still in mufti, she wore a civilian Navy costume, a white two-piece dress trimmed in red. As an apprentice seamen she will train for a recruiting post, according to Navy authorities.

Genevieve was sworn in as a Wave in April but went on inactive duty to accompany her parents on the tour. She was present at the recent launching of the destroyer The Sullivans, but has a memorial of her own. It is brother Frank's sailor hat, feminized with red instead of navy ribbons, with five gold stars.